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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application Of:
Kok-Hwee Ng et al.

Application No. 09/864,926

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
AUTOMATING THE WORKFLOW
IN A BLOOD COLLECTION FACILITY

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
TO AUGUST 24, 2001 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examination of this Application, Applicants respectfully submit this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment to the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 24, 2001. In the August 24, 2001 Preliminary Amendment, Applicants filed claims which depend upon other claims that have since been cancelled. Therefore, please amend the application, as follows.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

39. The method of Claim 38 further comprising the steps of:
- providing a memory being capable of storing a plurality of blood component collection applications; and,
- providing a server for running the blood component collection process, the server being operably connected to the blood component collection instrument and the memory. - -